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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN REPLY PLEASE

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April 6, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE  
DOMINGUEZ GAP SPREADING GROUNDS  
DOMINGUEZ GAP WETLANDS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Adopt the plans and specifications for Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds, Dominguez Gap Wetlands, in the City of Long Beach (4), at an estimated cost between \$4,400,000 and \$5,200,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on May 23, 2006.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action involves contracting for the construction of a wetlands demonstration project.

The project is located in the Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds east and west basins in the City of Long Beach adjacent to the Los Angeles River. The project involves developing wetlands and establishing public use open space.

The project area is identified in the Los Angeles River Master Plan, which was adopted in 1996, as one of the top five demonstration projects that would provide flood management, water quality, environmental enhancements, and recreational and educational improvements. The District completed a feasibility study for Dominguez Gap in 2001. The District worked with a diverse group of stakeholders to gather support and input for the project. The City of Long Beach and residents in the area along with the California Coastal Conservancy and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy support this project.

The goals of the project are to provide treatment wetlands with riparian and wetland habitat, enhanced groundwater recharge, and passive recreational and educational opportunities for the general public. Overall, the project will benefit the community as an asset that is a point of interest along the regional Los Angeles River greenway.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. Implementation of the project will provide for a better quality of life for the citizens of the County through the improvement of water quality and the development of multiuse recreational and environmental resources along the Los Angeles River.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$4,400,000 to \$5,200,000.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On January 17, 2006, your Board approved the Environmental Impact Report for this project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, civil litigation history, and prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to (1) comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and (4) comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

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The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The project is to be completed in 220 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August 2006 and be completed in March 2007. Traffic and local access will not be disrupted during the construction. Adjacent residents will be informed of the construction schedule.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

DOMINGUEZ GAP SPREADING GROUNDS, DOMINGUEZ GAP WETLANDS  
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works  
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code.

Publish: At least five or more times prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in five weeks.

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the clearing and grubbing; unclassified excavation; unclassified fill; imported borrow; construction of an HDPE pipeline, drainage structures, riprap, fence, AC pavement, weir gates, and trash booms; planting; irrigation; signing; and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. WMD0000050, Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds, Dominguez Gap Wetlands, in the City of Long Beach.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday May 23, 2006. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$4,400,000 and \$5,200,000 and shall be completed in 220 working days. The Work requires a Class A contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Roger Kohlenberger at (626) 458-4964. **Prebid questions will not be accepted after 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2006.**

**A mandatory prebid meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 10 a.m., at the east basin project site. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for award of the Contract.**

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$18, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$22, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the Contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated April 18, 2006.

Sachi Hamai  
Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors

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